



Council Reporter

City of Fairfax, Virginia 22030-3630

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF May 11, 2004

Presentations and proclamations

- Miss Poppy, Miranda Maurer presented poppies to the Mayor and City Council.
- The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation for Poppy Month to the American Legion Auxiliary.
- The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation and flowers to Claire Luke, retiring Executive Director of The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.
- The Mayor and City Council presented the following civic association neighborhood grant program award checks:

Aspen Grove	Farrcroft
Barrister's Keepe	Foxcroft Colony Condominium
Breckinridge Lane	Kirkwood
Chancery Park	Maple Trace
Charles Courthouse Square	Mosby Woods
Cobbdale	Mosby Woods Condominium Association
Comstock Civic Association	Old Lee Hills
Country Club Hills	Olde Fairfax Mews
Crestmont	The Crossing
Fairchester Woods	

Consent items

- Approved, unanimously, the following consent agenda items: introduction of an ordinance calling for an election on the issuance of general obligation school bonds (public hearing is May 25, 2004); introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$500,000 for the replacement of city vehicles and equipment that are worn and require extensive maintenance; \$50,000 for consulting services related to the upgrade of

the police records management system; and, \$24,500 for the construction of a pavilion at the Country Club Hills park (public hearing is May 25, 2004); introduction of an ordinance to effect the financing for open space acquisitions, the restoration of Blenheim and other historic properties and the construction of an interpretive center on the Blenheim property (public hearing is May 25, 2004); introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$400,000 for Fairfax Circle short-term improvements (public hearing May 25, 2004); a resolution approving the reimbursement of expenditures related to the acquisition and improvement of various properties for open space, parks, recreation and historic preservation purposes with bond proceeds; and, a contract extension with PBGH for annual auditing services for the City of Fairfax.

Actions

- Approved, unanimously, the request of The City of Fairfax School Board, for a special exception to allow the existing perimeter parking lot landscaping to remain in lieu of the required landscaping; a special exception to eliminate interior parking lot landscaping for the new parking lot in the R-2 Residential District and C-2 Retail Commercial District on the premises known as 3500 Old Lee Highway with the following conditions:
 1. The applicant shall ensure that the eleven trees eliminated from the 42-space parking lot will be relocated to the new planting areas that will be created at the front of the school.
 2. The applicant shall, in coordination with the staff arborist, revise the landscape plans to include an appropriate number of new trees in the required peripheral parking lot landscape strip along Old Lee Highway that are consistent in size and type with the existing character of the landscape strip.

Also approved, unanimously, a special exception to allow reduction of the required parking for a high school in the R-2 Residential District and C-2 Retail Commercial District on the premises known as 3500 Old Lee Highway subject to the development condition that the applicant shall not schedule concurrent events in the school's public assembly facilities that would generate parking demand in excess of 901 parking spaces.

Also approved, unanimously, a Special Use Permit to allow expansion of a school of general instruction (Fairfax High School) in the R-2 Residential District and C-2 Retail Commercial District on the premises known as 3500 Old Lee Highway with the recommended development condition that the applicant shall limit the hours during which the 42-space parking lot near the west property line (between the tennis courts and softball field) can be used for marching band practice to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Also, approved, unanimously, a Variance to allow site lights for the Fairfax High School football practice field, competition-level baseball field and football stadium that exceed 12 feet in height in the R-2 Residential District on the premises known as 3500 Old Lee Highway subject to a development condition that the applicant shall ensure the proposed lights for the athletic fields are shielded and fitted with glare control devices to mitigate any light spillover effect.

(Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)

- Approved, unanimously, the request of The City of Fairfax School Board, for a special exception to reduce the tree canopy; for a special exception to reduce the required landscape strip width and modify the planting

requirement for peripheral parking lot landscaping; and a special exception to modify the required interior parking lot landscaping in the R-3 Residential District on the premises known as 3801 Jermantown Road subject to the development condition that the applicant shall collaborate with the city arborist during the final site plan review to ensure the proposed landscaping plans include replacements for any trees that are removed during redevelopment of the site.

Also approved, unanimously, a special exception to allow a building expansion without satisfying requirements for parking lot improvements; a special exception to allow parking spaces without the required separation from an adjacent structure in the R-3 Residential District on the premises known as 3801 Jermantown Road.

Also approved, unanimously, a Special Use Permit to allow expansion of a school of general instruction (Lanier Middle School) in the R-3 Residential District on the premises known as 3801 Jermantown Road subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall ensure the proposed gate at the remaining Bevan Drive entrance and the gate recommended by staff (located across the "Buses Only" lane and closer to Lee Highway) are opened only for the specific time needed to allow school buses to enter the site from Jermantown Road and exit the site onto Bevan Drive and that both are closed immediately after the buses have left the site.
2. The applicant shall submit the final site plan for the proposed building addition including an additional gate where the "Buses Only" lane intersects with Jermantown Road.
3. The applicant shall submit final site plans without a traffic signal at the Copper Lane/Jermantown Road intersection, and include a note that police control will be provided.

(Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance adopting Supplement #4 to the Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending the City Code concerning military leave. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$115,000 to construct a public safety equipment storage facility at Fire Station 33, 10101 Lee Highway. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$30,000 for publication and mailing of a Bicentennial Timeline/Calendar. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$21,700 for consultant services for a community center feasibility study on the John C. Wood and Van Dyck properties. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution approving the condemnation of the property located at 3987 University Drive, owned by Virginia Seekford Smith and Smith and Francis, Inc. for public park purposes. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending the City Code by adding a new section to establish a Permit Parking District on Brookwood Drive between Old Lee Highway and Spring Lake Terrace. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, the City of Fairfax Regional Library Project Development Agreement. (Councilman Rasmussen was absent.)

Council Comments

- Requested staff to discuss with Post Office officials the need for more clearly marked traffic signs into the new facility.
- Requested that graffiti be removed from brick walls in the Farrcroft and Old Lee Highway areas within one day. Citizens were requested to report this activity to the police.
- Requested planning staff to provide more advance notice to the public of public hearings, meetings and staff reports.
- The Mayor announced the following public meetings:
 1. May 13, noon, Old Town Hall regarding downtown redevelopment
 2. May 15, 9 a.m., 9817 Ashby Road, regarding possibility of a park
 3. May 19, 4:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, regarding proposed Business Improvement District
 4. May 24, 10:00 a.m., Ribbon cutting at new Post Office
 5. Community meeting at Pat Rodio Park regarding artificial turf – to be scheduled
 6. FANS outreach meetings (Friends and Neighbor Socials), to be scheduled two Saturdays in June and/or July to give residents an opportunity to meet their elected officials and talk in an informal setting about issues of concern.

Appointments

- Charles Wagner as the Board of Architectural Review representative to the Community Appearance Committee for a term extending through September 30, 2005.

Cablecast Schedule

<i>May 11, 2004 live cablecast:</i>	<i>May 11, 2004, 7:00 p.m. (channel 12)</i>
<i>May 11, 2004 replay:</i>	<i>May 12 & 14, 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (channel 12)</i>
	<i>May 13, 8:30 p.m. (channel 35)</i>
	<i>May 16, 10:00 a.m. (channel 35)</i>